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PATENT APPLICATION**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Satoshi SHIMBORI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/833,737

Confirmation No.2879

Group Art Unit: 2176

Filed: April 13, 2001

Examiner: NOT YET ASSIGNED

For: PRINTING COST CHARGING SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claim:

16. A printing system for compensating a user for printing information received by the user via the Internet, comprising:

an information sending apparatus operable to provide information via the Internet to a terminal unit that is operable to print said information with a printer; and

a printing managing apparatus operable to obtain a printing cost for printing said information by said printer and to compensate a user for said printing cost, said printing managing apparatus compensating a user for said printing cost by charging said printing cost to